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1. IN A DOCUMENT SIGNED AUGUST 22, FNLA AND UNITA HAVE AGREED TO WITHDRAW FROM SA DA BANDEIRA, LEAVING MPLA IN FULL CONTROL OF THE CITY. THE AGREEMENT CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FNLA AND UNITA FORCES FROM THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF HUILA. THE CHIPENDA TROOPS THAT SO DESIRE MAY REJOIN THE MPLA.

2. EYEWITNESSES REPORTED HEAVY FIGHTING AUGUST 23 NEAR THE BARRA DO DANDE BETWEEN MPLA AND FNLA. ONE REPORT HAD IT THAT FNLA CAME DOWN THE COAST IN A BOAT IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET BEHIND THE MPLA FORCES. DESPITE THE INTENSITY OF THE FIRING, THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE DISPOSITION OF FORCES.

3. THE LUANDA PRESS OF AUGUST 23 CARRIED THE DENIAL ISSUED BY VPNCUR OF THE MPLA CHARGE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS
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ESTABLISHED AN AIR BRIDGE BETWEEN GERMANY AND KINSHASA TO

SUPPLY ARMS TO THE FNLA.

4. THE PRESS OF AUGUST 24 CARRIED A STORY TO THE EFFECT THAT FNLA MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MATEUS NETO HAD MADE A STATEMENT TO THE OFFICIAL RADIO STATION IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN KIDNAPPED, BUT HAD SIMULATED A KIDNAPPING FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT. HE SAID HE NEEDED THESE PAST SEVERAL DAYS FOR MEDITATION AND SELF CRITICISM. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY HAVE BEEN TELLING ME THEY DID NOT BELIEVE NETO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BECAUSE HE DID NOT ASK FOR ARMED GUARDS WHEN HE LEFT HIS HOUSE AND DID NOT CRY OUT WHEN THE SNATCH WAS PUT ON HIM AT THE AIRPORT.

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5. THE UNDP REPRESENTATIVE TOLD ME ON AUGUST 23 THAT THERE ARE NOW 8,000 PEOPLE USING THE FEEDING STATIONS IN LUANDA. ALMOST ALL ARE BLACK AND MOST OF THESE ARE NON BAKONGO WHO HAVE FLED AREAS CONTROLLED BY FNLA. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE PLIGHT OF THE CAPE VERDEAN REFUGEES HAS STILL NOT BEEN RESOLVED BECAUSE CAPE VERDE CONTINUES TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT THEM. A CAPE VERDEAN OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN LUANDA AUGUST 25 TO TRY AND WORK OUT A SOLUTION.

6. TH MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS TIGHTENED THE REGULATIONS ON BANK WITHDRAWALS. FORMERLY, DEPOSITERS COULD WITHDRAW 15,000 ESCUDOS A WEEK. UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS THAT WILL GO INTO EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1, ONLY 20,000 ESCUDOS A MONTH MAY BE WITHDRAWN. THE LIMITATION APPLIES TO ALL TYPES OF ACCOUNTS. PAYMENTS BY BUSINESS FIRMS MAY ONLY BE MADE BY CHECK OR PAY ORDER AND THESE MUST BE DEPOSITED IN A BANK TO THE ACCOUNT OF THE PAYEE. SALARY AND PENSION PAYMENTS ARE EXEMPT.

7. PORTUGUESE TRYING TO GET THEMSELVES AND THEIR EFFECTS BACK TO THE METROPOLIS ORGANIZED A NEW DEMONSTRATION FOR AUGUST 24 TO ONCE AGAIN DEMAND A GREATER EFFORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT ON THEIR BEHALF. WHITES WERE EXHORTED TO SHOW THEIR LUSITANIAN BLOOD AND DEMAND THAT THEY BE RETURNED HOME. THE FLYERS ANNOUNCING THE DEMONSTRATION SAID, "MAKE YOUR CRATES AND AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, EVERY NEIGHBOROOD IN LUANDA IS FILLED WITH THE SOUND OF HAMMERS TAPPING AS THE PORTUGUESE MAKE THEIR CRATES AND LIFT VANS. THEY ARE DETERMINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT TO LEAVE THEIR POSSESSIONS BEHIND AND THE NEW SLOGAN IS, "DON'T SELL IT, DON'T GIVE IT AWAY AND DON'T LEAVE IT BEHIND."

8. A STORY HAS COME OUT OF LOBITO ABOUT THE FIGHTING THERE. AT ONE POINT WHEN UNITA AND FNLA HAD THE UPPER HAND THEY WERE PURSUING AN MPLA FORCE ALONG THE RAILROAD TOWARD THE TERMINAL AND THE MPLA SOLDIERS WERE IN DANGER OF BEING CORNERED ON THE PENINSULA KNOWN AS RESTINGA. THEY CLIMBED ABOARD A TRAIN WHICH

HAPPENED TO BE IN THE STATION WITH STEAM UP, LAY ON THE FLOOR AND ORDERED THE ENGINEER TO MOVE OUT. UNITA-FNLA STEEPED ASIDE AS THE TRAIN CAME DOWN THE TRACKS. SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS BEYOND THE MPLA STOPPED THE TRAIN, GOT OFF, CHARGED THE ENEMY FROM THE REAR AND HAD HIM CORNERED.

9. IN THE CONTINUING SAGA OF RUMORS FROM MALANJE, 100 WHITE PRIESTS WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED IN THAT DISTRICT DURING THE FIGHTING. THE BISHOP OF MALANJE TOLD ME THAT ONLY ONE PRIEST HAD BEEN KILLED AND THAT HAD HAPPENED BEFORE THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, NOW, IT TURNS OUT THE PRIEST WAS BLACK AND HAD BEEN MURDERED BY THE FAMILY OF A WOMAN WITH WHOM HE WAS HAVING SEXUAL RELATIONS.

10. ON AUGUST 22, MPLA PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEMBER LOPO DO NASCIMENTO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH HE SPOKE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF WHITE CIVIL SERVANTS BORN IN ANGOLA WHO HAVE APPLIED TO GO TO PORTUGAL ON HALF PAY (ADIDOS). HE SAID THAT HIS ACTION NOT ONLY SERIOUSLY AFFECTS THE FUNCTIONING OF GOVERNMENT, BUT IGNORES AN EARLIER APPEAL TO ALL ANGOLAN CITIZENS TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE PRODUCTION AS A MEANS OF COUNTERING FOREIGN AGGRESSION. THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT MANY OF THESE WHO SIGNED UP ON THE ADIDOS LIST WERE NOT AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR ACTION. ACCORDING TO EXISTING LAW, ADIDOS ARE PORTUGUESE CITIZENS, NOT ANGOLANS, OR MOST PROBABLY NOT ANGOLANS UNLESS THEY RENOUNCE THEIR PORTUGUESE CITIZENSHIP. THOSE WHO WANT TO SOW PANIC HAVE SAID THAT CIVIL SERVANTS OF THE COLONIAL REGIME WILL NOT RETAIN THEIR ACCUMULATED BENEFITS AFTER INDEPENDENCE SHOULD THEY REMAIN. THIS IS A LIE AND THERE IS ALREADY UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT A LAW UNDER WHICH ANGOLA WILL PAY ALL BENEFITS TO THOSE WHO ADOPT ANGOLAN CITIZENSHIP, INCLUDING THOSE BENEFITS ACQUIRED BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. NASCIMENTO APPEALED TO ALL ANGOLAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CIVIL SERVANTS TO REMOVE THEIR NAMES FROM THE LIST OF ADIDOS AND TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY TO WORK FOR GROWTH AND PROSPERITY AND THE WELL BEING OF THE WORKING MASSES.
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